

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims to cancel claims 11, 12, 15 and 17 and add new claims 19-23 as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A coffee machine for preparing coffee using coffee pads, which comprises a continuous heater provided with a water-guiding pipe that is thermally connected to ~~at least one~~ two heating ~~rod~~ rods provided at opposite sides of the pipe by means of at least one contact surface, and a pump for transporting water through the continuous heater, wherein the at least one contact surface between the pipe and the ~~at least one heating rod~~ rods is embodied such that it is flat.

wherein the pipe has ends into which hose-like flexible tube connecting pieces of a water supply and a water exit can be inserted. and wherein the connecting pieces are made of plastic and comprise securing means for securing the continuous heater on a housing of the coffee machine.

11-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 10, wherein the pipe and the at least one heating rod are held together by a sleeve.

14. (Previously Presented) The coffee machine according to claim 13, wherein a temperature sensor is disposed adjacent the sleeve.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim ~~45~~10, wherein the connecting pieces are provided with seals.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The coffee machine according to claim 17, ~~wherein further comprising holders for further components are provided on the securing means. the~~  
holders being configured to receive additional components of the coffee machine.

19. (New) A coffee machine for preparing coffee using coffee pads, the coffee machine comprising:

a continuous heater provided with a water-guiding pipe;

two heating rods provided on opposite sides of the pipe and thermally connected to the pipe by corresponding contact surfaces, wherein all of the contact surfaces between the two heating rods and the pipe are flattened; and

a pump cooperable with the continuous heater and transporting water through the continuous heater,

wherein the pipe has ends into which hose-like flexible tube connecting pieces of a water supply and a water exit can be inserted, and wherein the connecting pieces are made of plastic and comprise securing means for securing the continuous heater on a housing of the coffee machine.

20. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 19, wherein the pipe and the at least one heating rod are held together by a sleeve.

21. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 20, wherein a temperature sensor is disposed adjacent the sleeve.

22. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 19, wherein the connecting pieces are provided with seals.

23. (New) The coffee machine according to claim 19, further comprising holders provided on the securing means, the holders being configured to receive additional components of the coffee machine